



The advent of Christmas means as a rule the overworking of the entire household, particularly the wife. Why not lessen your worries, troubles etc., by taking advantage of the many prepared necessities we have in the way of Mince Meat, Seeded Raisins and Currants Spices, etc. They are as perfect and delicious as it is possible to find and they really cost no more in the end. A complete stock of everything you could wish for in this line here.

J. Pardee

ABE REUF JURY SAYS HE IS GUILTY

At 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon the jury in the Reuf bribery case returned a verdict of guilty. Reuf's trials have consumed 104 days.

Fuller Brothers have received a shipment of fine Shoalwater bay oysters, the like of which has never before been brought here. We know what we are talking about for Mr. Fuller presented us with a sample lot.

Garland Stoves and Ranges, none better, always satisfactory, at Cramer Bros.

H.E. Gale, the Merlin fruit grower, has been spending several days in the city this week. He intends adding considerably to the area devoted to tokay grapes, apples and pears in Josephine county.

Useful holiday gifts in scissors and cutlery at Cramer Bros.

Volney Dixon of Medford, the Page fence man, was in Grants Pass this week looking up the fence business.

There'll Be Something Doing in Merlin Very Soon.

Stransky Steel Ware, the ware that wears, sold only by Cramer Bros.

DID YOU EVER WONDER WHY—

Your dearest enemy is blessed by a flash of illumination that enables her to call on the day that you are up to your eyes in work and both you and your house present the most unattractive appearance possible?

When you have your house spick and span and lots of good things for dinner you never, never, never are blessed with unexpected company?

Your hair will never curl or even stay in place when you are to do a stunt at the club or sing a solo in church or otherwise be the center of observation?

Your shoe comes untied and some gallant gentleman of your acquaintance dumps down on his immaculate knees to tie the shabby thing topped by faded hostery?

Your children present a half starved appearance when you have formal company to dinner and the same children eat with both hands and their mouth on such occasions as if never before did they see so much food?

Your husband will stop in the midst of serving at table and carefully scrutinize some article of table furniture and ask "Where did we get that?" if there is company present?

The furnace absolutely refuses to work on cold days, as if all furnaces were out on strike, but on a mild and sultry day will fail to work with a will and fairly make the house sizzle with its efforts?

The grocer never delivers your order on those days when it is absolutely necessary to have them in the morning until 4 in the afternoon and then cheerfully assures you that they started immediately upon your order?

Your next door neighbor who is continually borrowing of you is always out of stock when you find it convenient to borrow of her?

How to Roast a Duck.
For a small Thanksgiving dinner ducklings may be substituted for a turkey. Select those whose bills and legs are smooth and yellow. For easy plucking put the ducks in a wash boiler in which there is boiling water. Place them on a couple of blocks of wood which have been put in the boiler for that purpose. Let them steam for a few minutes, when their feathers can be plucked as easily as those of a chicken.

Draw and singe the ducks, wipe them inside and out with a damp cloth, rub well with pepper and salt and fill them with the following dressing:

Two cupfuls of bread crumbs, a minced onion that has been fried in butter, a tablespoonful of butter and half a cupful of thick stewed tomatoes. Baste every few minutes and bake a rich brown. Serve with giblet sauce colored with tomato juice.

PRICE OF TIMBER LANDS IS RAISED

Can No Longer Be Purchased at Minimum Price of \$2.50 Per Acre.

The United States land offices in Oregon and other states where there is timber land belonging to the government have received instructions which have caused consternation among those who deal in timber lands, as well as those persons who are contemplating filing timber entries. The instructions were dated December 1st, and are to the effect that in the future unreserved public timber lands entered under the timber and stone act must be paid for at its appraised value, and will no longer be sold for the flat rate of \$2.50 per acre. Secretary Garfield promulgated a resolution to that effect, basing it upon the language of the law, which says that timber land must be sold "for minimum price of \$2.50 per acre." Garfield holds that if \$2.50 is the minimum price, a greater amount can legally be charged for valuable timber lands.

Under the new regulations a person desiring to make a timber entry must file his application, accompanying it by an affidavit stating that he has been personally upon the land and must submit his own estimate as to the amount of timber and its value and the value of the land when cleared. These filings will give him a preference right to the land.

Within nine months the government will undertake to make its own appraisal, and when this is done, the applicant can have the land at the government price, but his preference right will be forfeited if he fails to make payment within 30 days after the Interior Department completes its appraisal. Whenever the government fails to complete appraisals within nine months, the applicant can secure the land by making payment at his own appraised valuation. Where the government's appraisal is considered too high the land can be reappraised at the expense of the applicant.

In no instance will timber land be sold for less than \$2.50 per acre. No entryman can cut timber during the time appraisal is being made, nor before he receives a patent from the government.

Last winter Secretary Garfield endeavored to persuade congress to amend the timber and stone act so as to provide for the disposal of timber. When congress failed to act it was announced that the secretary would do by regulation what congress had failed to do by legislation. This order is the carrying out of that threat. Garfield's order is not retroactive. It does not affect any entry heretofore made.

Gasoline Engines.

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CARE OF A DOG.

How He Should Be Treated to Keep Him in Good Condition.

A dog's digestion is almost identical with a man's, except that it requires twice as much time. Scraps from the table will usually form a properly balanced ration. Let the dog foods alone. Give the puppy three meals a day until he is eight months old. Then two meals only. Don't let him have all he will eat, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

A house dog should have his heavy meal in the morning and the light one at night. An outdoor dog needs the heavy meal at night to keep him warm through the night.

If a dog is constive stir his sluggish liver by a dose of one-half teaspoonful each of buckthorn and castor oil. A spoonful of raw black molasses will act as a mild laxative. This is especially good for puppies, for in this they get in soluble form the salt they require. Table salt they are slow to assimilate.

Many people overdo the washing of dogs. This is a process rarely needed, because dogs do not perspire through the skins as we do, but from the tongue. Soap and water robs the hair of necessary oil.

The proper way to clean the hair is by brushing with a coarse handbrush. White dogs are cleaned by rubbing in, then brushing out, powdered magnesia.

Fleas do not breed in the hair of dogs, but in sandy soil. They get on the dog, but he suffers more discomfort than pain from their bites.

Cedar excelsior or bedding in kennel is a tried and tested flea exterminator. If your nearest upholsterer cannot let you have a pound of it try rubbing your dog's pelt with a kerosene lamp which you have set on fire and burn it for a few minutes. It is worth of spirits of turpentine.

Our Four Year Old BIRTHDAY SALE 17 Thursday, Dec.

You took advantage of our offerings last year, and you surely can't help it this time. The bargains are more numerous and of greater variety. It's the one day we forget cost and make penny change on the sevens

**For 17c any 25c Article in the Store
For 37c any 50c Article in the Store
For 77c any \$1.00 Article in the Store**

Here's some of the articles

17c WILL BUY: Silk Ties, Four-in-hands, Bows, Tecks and Windsors, Silk arm Bands, Garters, Linene and Silk Handkerchiefs, Boys' and Men's Caps, Suspenders, Knit Gloves, Wool and Cotton Sox, Boys' Stockings, Clothes Brushes, Leather Hat Bands, Shawl Straps, Grip Tags, Cuffs, Rubber Collars, Towels, Artic Sox, Jewelry, etc.

37c WILL BUY the regular 50c Suspenders (in Christmas boxes) Silk and Cashmere Hosiery, Heavy Wool Sox, Fine Silk Ties, Men's and Boys' Caps, Silk and Linene Handkerchiefs, Silk Garters, Umbrellas, Men's and Boys' Cotton Underwear, Shirts, Wool and Leather Gloves, Tie Holders, Scarf Pins, Cuff Links, Hair Brushes, Pocket Books, etc.

For 77c WE WILL SELL all \$1.00 articles, such as Silk Suspenders, Silk Handkerchiefs and Mufflers, Cuff Links and all other Jewelry, Caps, Hats, Dress and Work Gloves, Umbrellas, Shirts (white and fancy stiff and soft bos ms), Cotton Blankets, Wool Underwear, Bib Overalls; in fact, anything selling regular at these prices.

Space does not permit of our giving a complete list. We would rather you would make your Suit purchase on some other day; still, if you must have it on this date, we will give you a good bargain, and the best attention possible.

A Pretty Christmas Post Card will be given with each purchase

Geo. S. Calhoun Co.

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Store open Evenings until after Holidays, Commencing Tues., Dec. 15

Union grange at Plymouth, N. H., held its first fair early in October. It was a great success, and it took rank with the largest fairs in the state outside the state fair and excelled them in the department of working oxen and in the exhibit of field corn. The show ring of no other fair in New England contained so many Devon cattle as was shown at this fair.

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